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A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application is provided below. The status of each claim is identified.

1-94. (CANCELLED)

95. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method comprising:

- receiving from a customer a request to purchase a travel product,
- in which the travel product is associated with at least one variable component, and
- in which the request includes information about a first flexibility of the customer with respect to a first variable component of the at least one variable component;
- determining at least one travel product based on the first flexibility of the customer,
- each at least one travel product having a respective first price;
- determining a score based on the first flexibility of the customer;
- determining a minimum flexibility score;
- determining a maximum flexibility score;
- determining a discount based on the score, the minimum flexibility score, and the maximum flexibility score; and
- determining a respective second price for each at least one travel product based on the respective first price and the discount.

96. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A computer-readable medium storing instructions configured to direct a processor to perform the method of Claim 95.

97. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates a preferred travel product.

98. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates a set of tolerances for the first variable component.

99. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates a minimum value and a maximum value for the first variable component.

100. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates at least one acceptable time.

101. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates at least one acceptable date.

102. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates a desired level of service.

103. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which the information about the first flexibility indicates an acceptable location assignment.

104. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which determining the at least one travel product comprises:

receiving information about a maximum price from the customer; and

identifying a travel product having a respective first price that is not greater than the maximum price.

105. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which determining the at least one travel product comprises:

receiving information about a travel product that is preferred by the customer; and

identifying at least one travel product other than the travel product that is preferred by the customer.

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106. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which determining the at least one travel product comprises:

determining a set of travel products satisfying the first flexibility; and  
selecting the at least one travel product at random from the set of travel products.

107. (NEW) The method of claim 95, in which determining the at least one travel product comprises:

selecting the at least one travel product based on revenue management information.

108. (NEW) The method of claim 95, further comprising:

providing a voucher to the customer to enable the purchase of one of the determined at least one travel product.

109. (NEW) The method of claim 108, further comprising:

recording identifying information about the voucher.

110. (NEW) The method of claim 95, further comprising:

charging a penalty to the customer if the customer fails to purchase at least one of the determined at least one travel product.

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111. (NEW) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a computer-readable medium in communication with the processor and storing instructions configured to direct the processor to perform a method comprising:

receiving from a customer a request to purchase a travel product,

in which the travel product is associated with at least one variable component, and

in which the request includes information about a first flexibility of the customer with respect to a first variable component of the at least one variable component;

determining at least one travel product based on the first flexibility of the customer,

each at least one travel product having a respective first price;

determining a score based on the first flexibility of the customer;

determining a minimum flexibility score;

determining a maximum flexibility score;

determining a discount based on the score, the minimum flexibility score, and the maximum flexibility score; and

determining a respective second price for each at least one travel product based on the respective first price and the discount.